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In re Application of	:	DECISION ON
Douglas Rawson-Harris	:	
Application No.: 10/069,146	:	
PCT No.: PCT/AU00/00834	:	PETITION
Int. Filing Date: 12 July 2000	:	
Priority Date: 12 July 1999	:	
Attorney's Docket No.: 22078/0001	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137 (b)
For: SECURITY SCREW	:	

This decision is in response to applicants' "PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed 22 February 2002.

BACKGROUND

On 12 July 2000, the applicant filed International Application No. PCT/AU00/00834, which claimed a priority date of 12 July 1999, and which designated the United States.

A Demand was filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority electing the United States prior to the expiration of the 19 months from the priority date, and as a result the deadline for submission of a copy of the International Application (unless previously communicated by the International Bureau or filed in the United States Receiving Office) and payment of the basic national fee was extended to expire 30 months from the priority date, i.e. 12 January 2002..

DISCUSSION

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting that the application be revived on the grounds of unintentional delay must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee required by law, (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional and (4) a terminal disclaimer (for applications filed before 8 June 1995).

As to item (1), the petition is accompanied by the required reply.

As to item (2), the petition is accompanied by the required petition fee.


As to item (3), the petition is accompanied by applicants' statement that 'the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.'


As to item (4), a terminal disclaimer is not required in the present case.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the present application.


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